AGENDA



COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 24 November 2023

To: Council

From: Glenys Sylvestre, University Secretary

Re: Meeting of 1 December 2023

A meeting of the University of Regina Council will be held on Friday, 1 December 2023 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Administration Humanities Fifth Floor Boardroom, Room 527 (AH 527) and via Zoom, as follows:

9:00 a.m. – Council Registration Opens 9:30 a.m. – Council Meeting Call to Order

AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the Agenda
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of 12 April 2023 Circulated with the Agenda
- 3. Business Arising from the Minutes
- 4. Report from the Chair of Council
- 5. Item(s) for Consideration by Council
 - 5.1 Conflict in Gaza, Appendix I, p. 2
- 6. Presentation
 - 6.1 Sustainability Initiatives, Jocelyn Crivea, Director, Sustainability Office
- 7. Adjournment

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA Council

Item for Decision

Subject: Conflict in Gaza

MOTION: That Council recommend to the President that the University of Regina join others around the world in making a public statement calling for an immediate cease fire in Gaza.

Rationale:

Gaza is home to over 2 million residents. These residents have been subject to ongoing military action for over one month resulting in the deaths of over 11 thousand civilians. Media reports indicate military action by Israel is targeting ambulances, places of worship, neighborhoods, and water sources. Schools and hospitals have also been targeted where displaced families and individuals had sought refuge from the bombings. Solar and electrical sources have been targeted as have media outlets. The siege on Gaza has included road and border closures which impacts movement of individuals and has dire implications for receiving humanitarian aid. The United Nations and the International Criminal Court suggest Israel may be guilty of inciting genocide and committing war crimes.

International aid organizations are predicting a complete collapse of the food systems as access to fuel and supplies has lead to widespread hunger and risk of starvation for residents still in Gaza. The combined lack of clean water, shelter, and food demands attention and action of individuals and institutions around the world.

The University of Regina's motto is "as one who serves" and UR International indicates that it specializes in "everything international." With these commitments, and as a campus that opens its doors to local and international students and instructors, the University of Regina should take action on this most dire humanitarian issue and publicly join the call for a cease fire.

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Date: November 17, 2023